

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

July 29, 2019

Governor's Veto Message Regarding House Bill 105

By the authority vested in me, pursuant to part II, Article 44 of the New Hampshire Constitution, on July 29th, 2019 I have vetoed House Bill 105, relative to domicile residency, voter registration, and investigation of voter verification letters.

This bill would repeal Senate Bill 3, a bill I signed in 2017 which made commonsense changes to our voter registration process to help ensure the integrity of our elections. Senate Bill 3 was used in municipal, state and federal elections for a year and a half, and our election process continued to run smoothly. Opponents of Senate Bill 3 made claims that this bill would discourage various groups of voters from participating in our elections. In fact, in the 2018 general election, the State saw record turnout in many towns with high populations of those voters. The lesson is clear: Ensuring integrity in our elections increases voter confidence and increases voter turnout. We should not roll back Senate Bill 3's improvements to our election process.

For the reasons stated above, I have vetoed House Bill 105.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor